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★ U. S. Marshals nab fugitive that fled Canada after Homicide ★

Canadian Suspect located and arrested in Columbus.

The Federal Marshals arrested a fugitive in Columbus last night at a residence at 2368 Nissi Drive, around 6:00pm. **AHMED ADEN** was arrested on a Provisional Arrest Warrant issued by the federal court of the Southern District of Ohio, for First Degree Murder. The warrant was issued due to the fact that the Canadian Government asked the United States for the provisional arrest of **AHMED ADEN** with a view towards extradition. This request followed a Protocol in force by the Extradition Treaty between the United States and Canada.

The complaint for the warrant was based on the following facts :

On August 11, 2003 two males entered the residence of 405-1465 Caldwell avenue, in Ottawa ,Ontario. Upon entering the dwelling , the two men armed with handguns opened fire. The gunshots killed BASHIR SAHAL, and then the two males fled the apartment. A seven-month investigation by the Ottawa police revealed that a Ahmed Ali and **AHMED ADEN**, were the two males responsible for the murder. Witnesses at the murder scene confirmed that Ali and **ADEN** were the two males that entered Sahal's apartment and murdered him. On March 25,2004, Ali was arrested in Canada, and a Canada wide arrest warrant for first-degree murder was issued for **ADEN** on the same day.

Further investigation in Canada revealed that **ADEN** was no longer in Canada, but that he had fled to the United States, specifically, the area of Columbus, Ohio. The homicide was purported to be gang related. **ADEN** a twenty year old male was born in Somalia, but is a Canadian citizen.

On April 16, 2004 the United States Marshals Service Office of International Affairs in Washington, D.C. asked the Columbus office to conduct a discreet locate of **ADEN**. Federal Deputies from the Columbus office began investigating to locate the fugitive. The investigation developed leads and Deputy Marshals from the District of Minnesota became involved as well. The leads all led to Columbus and on the night of April 29th, Deputy Marshals from the Columbus office and Minnesota made the arrest. The arrest was safely made without incident.

The Marshals Service has been designated by the Department of Justice as the primary agency to apprehend fugitives that are wanted by foreign nations and believed to be in the United States. In fiscal year 2003, the Marshals Service apprehended more than 36,000 federal fugitive felons, which is more than all other law enforcement agencies combined. In 2003, the Marshals Service successfully completed 521 extraditions from around the globe.

The U.S. Marshal for Southern Ohio, James Wahlrab, and U.S. Marshal for Minnesota Allen Garber stated today, " This arrest illustrated the advantages of agencies working together. Procedures were quickly worked out, so that they did not get in the way of a successful law enforcement operation. Thanks to the Columbus U.S. Attorney's Office, Canadian Authorities, two Marshals Offices, as well as Marshals International Affairs; a violent suspect is off the streets to face justice." The United States warrant had been signed on April 27th, and was served by the arrest of **ADEN** on April 29th.

AHMED ADEN was presented in federal court today for an initial appearance in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark R. Abel. **ADEN** will be back in Judge Abel's court for an Identity and Detention hearing on Monday, May 3rd. **ADEN** is known to be a dangerous individual and is considered a flight risk to Somalia by the U.S. Attorney's Office.